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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: EAIR, JO, SY, US
SUBJ: THE SYRIANS ARE COMING?

1. SENIOR OFFICIAL SYRIAN AIRLINES (SAA) TOLD ECONOFF
SAA MANAGEMENT WILL SEEK CABINET APPROVAL TO INITIATE
NEW YORK/DAMASCUS SERVICE. SAA WILL PICK UP ON OF
TWO FREQUENCIES WHICH ALIA HAS PRESENTLY FLYING ON
THEIR BEHALF. THEY HOPE TO GET FLYING BEFORE THE
END OF JULY AND ARE BEGINNING TO RESCHEDULE OTHER
FLIGHTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FEEDER SERVICE.

2 UNLAMENTED DEMISE OF IATA IN MONTREAL PROMPTED
SAA DECISION. ILLEGAL PRICE CUTTING, AS PRACTICED
BY OTHER AIRLINES, HAS ALWAYS STRUCK SAA MANAGEMENT
AS A DANGEROUS PRACTICE. THEY PREFER TO FLY ON
POSTED FARES.

3. IN THIS REGARD, SAA MANAGEMENT REQUESTED INFORMATION
ON AMOUNT OF FLEXIBILITY THEY HAVE IN POSTING NEW LOW
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FARES. THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THEIR AGREEMENT WITH U.S.
PUTS BOTTOM LIMITS OF FARES SO LONG AS THEY ARE
PROPERLY NOTIFIED TO CAB AND ADMINISTERED ACCORDING
TO INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE RULES. SECSTATE REQUESTED
CONFIRM OR DENY ABOVE.
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